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Idaho Milk Production Up 5.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during May 2011 totaled 1.14 billion pounds, a 5.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 6.0 percent from April 2011. Average milk production per cow in May 2011 was 1,980 pounds, up 40 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during May was 577,000 head, up 18,000 from May 2010, and up 1,000 head from April 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from May 2010. April revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from April 2010. The April revision represented an increase of 3 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,899 pounds for May, 6 pounds above May 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.45 million head, 103,000 head more than May 2010, and 15,000 head more than April 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2010-2011

Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
January	551	573	1,860	1,860	1,025	1,066	4.0
February	554	573	1,690	1,690	936	968	3.4
March	554	576	1,880	1,880	1,042	1,083	3.9
April	557	576	1,850	1,870	1,030	1,077	4.6
May	559	577	1,940	1,980	1,084	1,142	5.4
June	562		1,910		1,073		
July	569		2,000		1,138		
August	571		2,000		1,142		
September	571		1,900		1,085		
October	572		1,930		1,104		
November	572		1,830		1,047		
December	574		1,870		1,073		
Annual	564		22,658		12,779		

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 12 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2011 totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 12 percent from May of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2011 period totaled 69.8 million pounds, down 16 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in May, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in May 2010. Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.82 million head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.3 million pounds, 2 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,100 head, up 1 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from last year, at 288 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.54 million head, up 7 percent from May 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 275 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from May 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 179,400 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2011 commercial red meat production was 20.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 7 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2011 as % of 2010 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	137.5	139.8	143.3	104
Colorado	160.2	157.6	169.5	106
Idaho	15.8	14.4	13.9	88
Illinois	201.3	210.6	209.4	104
Iowa	461.3	526.5	502.2	109
Kansas	416.4	425.3	437.8	105
Minnesota	201.8	208.7	214.3	106
Montana	1.5	1.4	1.3	86
Nebraska	547.1	540.8	564.9	103
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	121
Oklahoma	85.0	96.0	94.9	112
Oregon	4.7	5.2	5.6	120
South Dakota	68.7	79.9	75.6	110
Texas	422.8	412.2	438.7	104
Utah	35.9	34.2	34.0	95
Washington	66.7	67.9	68.8	103
Wyoming	0.4	0.4	0.4	105
United States	3,731.2	3,868.6	3,914.3	105

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

All Cattle in Idaho: Top Ten Counties

January 1, 2010		January 1, 2011	
<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Head</i>
Gooding	275,000	Gooding	280,000
Cassia	225,000	Cassia	225,000
Jerome	215,000	Jerome	215,000
Twin Falls	170,000	Twin Falls	170,000
Owyhee	140,000	Owyhee	145,000
Canyon	125,000	Canyon	130,000
Elmore	105,000	Elmore	105,000
Bingham	90,000	Bingham	92,000
Jefferson	76,000	Jefferson	78,000
Lincoln	68,000	Bonneville (tie)	69,000
		Lincoln (tie)	69,000

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2011 totaled 230,000 head, up 10 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is unchanged from May 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 36,000 head, up 4,000 head from May 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during May totaled 35,000 head, up 4,000 head from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during May.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on June 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.81 million, 11 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 7 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 18 percent below 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

State	June 1, 2010	May 1, 2011	June 1, 2011		
			Number	As % of 2010	As % of May
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
Arizona	263	282	290	110	103
California	425	450	460	108	102
Colorado	970	1,100	1,080	111	98
Idaho	210	230	230	110	100
Iowa	590	640	610	103	95
Kansas	2,130	2,170	2,110	99	97
Nebraska	2,140	2,370	2,190	102	92
Oklahoma	345	355	355	103	100
South Dakota	230	255	235	102	92
Texas	2,640	2,750	2,780	105	101
Washington	179	205	199	111	97
Other States	373	393	389	104	99
United States	10,495	11,200	10,928	104	98

Stocks In Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on May 31, 2011, totaled 848 million pounds, down 1 percent from April 30, 2011, and down 1 percent from May 31, 2010. Other frozen potatoes, at 226 million pounds, were up 6 percent from April stocks, and up 2 percent from the same month last year.

United States stocks of butter on May 31, 2011, totaled 170 million pounds, up 20 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 20 percent from May 31, 2010. Stocks of American cheese totaled 620 million pounds, down slightly from April 30, 2011, but up 1 percent from last year.

Commodity	May 31, 2010	April 30, 2011	May 31, 2011	2011 2010
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	856,067	856,367	847,876	99
Other Frozen	221,281	213,890	225,923	102
TOTAL	1,077,348	1,070,257	1,073,799	100
DAIRY				
Butter	212,488	141,728	170,413	80
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	614,935	621,426	620,467	101